

Summary of Family Questionnaire Summer 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

On behalf of the Governing Board and all staff at Newcomen Primary School, I would like to wish you the warmest welcome back to the new academic year 2018–2019. I am so looking forward to another year of working together with you, your families and your children - our most precious asset.

Last year was another amazing year for us all and our Family Day, All Equal All Newcomen, epitomised all that we stand for together. Thank you so much to everyone who was able to complete our Family Questionnaire. Please know that each and every response has been read carefully and all comments and suggestions are noted and genuinely valued. 240 questionnaires were returned this year – thank you so much for your time.

Each class teacher reads their own class responses. I read all questionnaires during the summer break and then write a detailed summary which is shared with all staff and the Governing Board as part of our continued whole school development work and genuine commitment to working together as a school family. As in the last eight years, a copy of this summary is shared with you, our parents and carers.

The two over arching headings in our Family Questionnaire are Pastoral Care and Safeguarding and Teaching and Learning – the core purposes of all schools. The statements used, are those used by Ofsted, in addition to other questions which the Governing Board have included for the purpose of our school and working together with our families.

1. Pastoral Care and Safeguarding: 99.8% Agree

My child is happy at Newcomen Primary School
My child feels safe at school
Newcomen provides a safe and welcoming environment
My child is well looked after at this school
This school ensures the pupils are well behaved
The school deals effectively with bullying
The school responds well to any concern I raise.

2. Teaching and Learning: 99.7% Agree

My child makes good progress at Newcomen Primary School
My child is well taught at this school
I am happy with the standards my child is achieving as an individual
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress
The school is well led and managed
I would recommend this school to another parent.

Summary of Child's View 2018 (exact wording of children used throughout)

In the 240 questionnaires returned, 100% of pupils said they feel safe at school.

Everyone learns in different ways. What helps you to learn?

'A calm environment, having high standards and encouraging teachers.

Assessment for Learning (AfL) helps me to learn.

Peace, quiet and repetition to go over things again and again.

I like silence!

Talking about it, writing about it and doing it again and again.

Teachers help me.

Booster sessions on Friday afternoons when I can do AfL from previous lessons.

I learn best when it is tranquil.

Having after-school boosters.

I like being in silence.

Being able to see it first or getting shown it and then doing it.

Talking about it, extra boosting and seeing things.

When it's nice and quiet because it helps me to concentrate.

A positive attitude.

Tranquillity gives me a high level of concentration.

High Level Vocabulary (HLV) on display.

Word Family List because it helps me answer grammar questions.

Weekly spellings and homework help me to learn.

Writing Checklist because it helps me to write at a higher level.

Maths Knowledge Book because it helps me answer lots of different maths questions.

I learn my Magic 20 every day.

I learn from mistakes.

Being in a calm and relaxed environment and taking part in physical learning activities also helps develop the breadth of my knowledge.

Educational outings so I can experience things instead of being told about it in the classroom.

Learning about different cultures helps me to understand and learn.'

What has been your proudest moment/achievement this year?

What is the best thing about Newcomen Primary School?

What has been the best part of being in your class this year?

What is the best thing about our school?

'The best thing about our school is we are a family.

I was extremely proud of getting high results in my assessments.

The best thing about our school is that the teachers go the extra mile to help us reach our innate desires.

We are a family school and everyone is welcome.

Being in the choir.

The teachers encourage you to go above and beyond.

Getting to know each other more.

The lovely family atmosphere in my class.

Representing Newcomen and winning a tennis tournament.

My teachers because they are funny, kind and caring.

Doing amazing work.

I am extremely proud of getting high scores in my spellings.

The best thing about Newcomen is what we put in, we get back.

Scoring for the school football team.

The best thing about Newcomen is the staff arrange fun things for us.

I LOVE handwriting!

The best thing about our school is that everyone cares – we are one big family.

The teachers are not judgemental.

We are fully educated.

Making the orangutan sanctuary.

Being part of School Council and representing Newcomen outside of school.

Awesome teachers!

Making the Easter garden.

Having the privilege of school dinners.

Reading my poem out to the school.

I am proud of being in Newcomen's Got Talent.

We have a great Head Teacher.

Working as a team.

Sports Day because I gave it everything.

All the teachers are committed to teaching and learning.

Our teacher because he is funny!

My proudest achievement is learning a wide variety of HLV.

Smiling and learning.

Everything is perfect.

Always achieving full marks in spelling.

Learning how to sketch properly.

When I achieved 70/70 in my arithmetic and reasoning papers.

Achieving more than I've ever achieved before.

The teachers explain how to do the tasks as high level as possible.

All staff and all children work hard in every lesson.
It has been a joy to be in my class.
Being able to learn about our world and being able to laugh with my teacher and enjoy lessons.
Always being hard-working but always able to have a laugh.
Getting full marks in my spellings even though I find them hard.
Getting 70/70 on my GPS paper.
The teachers and staff will help you if you have any problems.
The teachers are amazing and really help every child.
My phenomenal teacher!
When I sang at Family Day.
Learning to read and being my neatest.
The grown-ups take care of us.
Mrs Lamb takes care of bumped heads and she takes care of falling over.
Growing butterflies and learning about animals.
We are listened to.
When I learned to do flicks on my writing.
Learning how to tie my shoe laces.
Getting 12/12 for the first time in spelling.
The best thing in my class is my respectful friends.
My proudest moment this year was performing our songs on Family Day.
We all work our hardest and try our best.
Reading over 200 times at home and getting my certificate in assembly.
My proudest moment was getting the Head Teacher Award in assembly because it made me feel happy.
Designing and manufacturing a full-size mail cart.
We have outstanding teachers and we trust them.
The laughter in the classroom cheers my heart.
Our outstanding teachers that give us a better start in life.
Nobody ever gives their worst. They give their best.
Our self-esteem board rocks.
We have family days that bring us together.
We gain new knowledge every day.
Having a flawless performance during our exams.
We have the best staff and lessons.
Everyone takes part in fund-raising and homework projects and no one opts out.
We come together as a whole school every day and in my old school they never.
Family Day because it filled my heart with pride.
My greatest achievement was politeness.
Receiving my HT award for determination.
All the teachers here are better than in my old school and we learn more high level vocabulary here.
My proudest moment was raising money to adopt our orangutan Rikina.
My best moment is finishing every day with a story.
The endless smiles and support.

I love RE because it teaches me to be tolerant to other cultures and how people choose to live their lives.

Reaching the top of the climbing wall at Winmarleigh. I did not think I would get to the ninth level.

Trying Brazilian food – delicious!

Our family events are the best and being in school with family.

My proudest moment was getting better at swimming. I used to be scared of the water but now I feel confident.

My proudest moment this year is spelling. When I was younger, I scored low scores. This year, I have achieved 100% in most tests and I am really proud.

Reading at home 300 times because last year I only read at home 200 times.

I have learnt to swim properly and I have conquered my fears.

Last year I struggled in English and now I'm great!

My proudest moment is the changes I have made in my behaviour. Now I feel more interested in school.

The teachers – they are awesome!

My greatest achievement this year was to achieve in language because in 2016 I didn't know how to speak English.

Everything because it is fun and our teachers work very hard. We work as a team.

Apollo are great; we learn about different music.

Our phenomenal Head Teacher. This is because she is kind and caring and the school would not be functional without her.

Being elected onto School Council by my peers and the children of Newcomen Primary.'

What would make our school even better?

'A gardening club with fresh fruit and flowers.

A hot tub and a cinema area.

A KS2 baking club.

Nothing – it is perfect.

Another floor and an upstairs.

Everything is fantastic already.

Have a longer school day.

AfL Club

Y3/4 Cookery Club

Nothing. Our school is already great.

Have a rainbow in school and paint a globe.

Cleaning up rubbish club.

A statue of God.

A gazebo for KS1.

There is nothing that can make our school better. It is outstanding as it is.

Add a second floor for more classrooms.

In the middle of the 6 weeks holidays, we have 2-3 days in school to help us.

A club where you can play musical instruments.

In my opinion, nothing can be improved.

The school is amazing as it is.
Visit more historical places to learn about them.
A club for nature so we can water the trees.
Everything is amazing. However, if possible could we have a dance club on a Friday?
Our school is already the best.
Put fences around the little trees so footballs don't hurt them.
Have a football for every class.
Have an Easter egg hunt at Easter.
No. It is outstanding as it is.
Newcomen Primary is phenomenal as it is.'

Summary of Parent/Carer View

What you think we do really well. (Exact wording of parents and carers)

'We love being part of the Newcomen family. I love the annual Family Day – my day off is booked as soon as I know the date!!
Excellent teachers – so supportive to each and every child.
You make the children feel confident.
I have the utmost respect for my child's teacher. She always cares for the well-being of my child and goes the extra mile.
The school is amazing with how they develop the children's knowledge and learning. I can't praise them enough.
We are so grateful for your support through a really hard time.
The school is great with amazing staff. Everyone is very helpful and friendly. We feel like a part of the family.
All the extra activities for the children to reward them for all their work is amazing.
The values of Believe Achieve Succeed is an amazing attitude to instil into the children.
Both my children believe in themselves and go onto achieve and succeed to an exceptionally high standard. All thanks to Newcomen staff.
The hard work and dedication of the staff. Thank you.
Loved the Family Day – it is great that you bring all the families together like this.
You value all children, respect their individual needs and promote inclusion in every sense of the word. You promote family values.
You inspire and enthuse children to want to learn.
Excellent communication and always willing to go the extra mile.
Communication is excellent and the visibility of the HT. I am so happy my daughter attends this school. It is fantastic.
The way you work alongside parents to get to the bottom of the cause of any disruptive behaviour is outstanding.
Family Day is a great way to reward staff and children.

Communication is second to none – fantastic for planning. You set high standards and provide the teaching to match. Believe Achieve Succeed!
My child is making outstanding progress – she is proud of her school.
ParentMail is great – makes communication more streamlined.
This is an amazing school with wonderful family ethics.
I cannot praise all the staff enough for their love, support and commitment.
You always put the children first. Family Day was just amazing and all the staff all did brilliantly to make it a wonderful day, thank you.
You teach children about diversity, equality and acceptance.
All staff give the children their very best – the level of enthusiasm, passion and dedication of all staff is felt from the minute you walk through the door.
You provide the pupils with a school that delivers excellent teaching standards that allow the children to make the best progress they can.
Excellent after-school facilities that I know my child has enjoyed attending.
Since my child joined Newcomen in September, I have been overwhelmed by the school's fantastic approach to learning. The school just has such a welcoming atmosphere.
Your open door policy. I also love how the children are made to feel their opinions count.
I know how much hard work the staff put in and how much they care for the children.
You can't help but think of the school as an extended family.
The effort put into every child whatever their abilities to make each child 'Believe Achieve and Succeed' in themselves.
There is a great feeling of belonging amongst all the children.
Children reach their full potential.
Amazing school. My child has settled in and is very happy.
We think that Newcomen brings out the best in the children.
You really care about the children as individuals and their whole well-being.
You keep our children safe and you can tell the staff love their jobs and the children.
Caring and approachable staff always happy to help. The team provides an amazing environment for my child to excel.
Everything.
Making all the children feel equal and accepted at Newcomen.
Family Day – the hard work and dedication of the staff, helpers and children make it a fantastic day every year.
My son loves coming to school.
Both my boys (and my daughter when she was there) look forward to school and are eager to get back after holidays and weekends.
You are very organised and all for the children and their families.
The teachers really believe in the children and it shows.
My son loves the EY walks and the EYFS Tea Dance is lovely.

You involve children in things such as Pride so they understand equality.
I love the family events that happen.
You make everyone feel like one big family – thank you.
The staff go that extra mile for the children.
I like that my daughter’s work is acknowledged not only by her teacher but others who work with her and the head teacher.
I do like the laminated sheets you send out of up and coming events.
I love the Newcomen Family ethos.
I am very fond of the school. The teachers are brilliant with all the children in their care.
The children all love going to school and are the teachers’ no 1 priority. Thank you for making school great for my children.
Everything.
The teaching in this school is first class.
Problem solving – any issue is dealt with promptly.
Mrs Lamb is brilliant!
Nothing’s a problem to Newcomen. They have been wonderful in every way. First-class caring school 10/10.
You fill our children with confidence!!!
You keep our children safe and happy.
Everything – with an amazing head teacher and staff. You should be so proud. I love this school and will truly miss coming here.
The highest standard of teaching is always given. A huge well done for Family Day every year!
You have an excellent school/parent relationship. Thank you.
Fantastic teaching.
I feel the school has been fantastic with my little boy and has done a great job supporting him academically. I look forward to watching him grow through his time at Newcomen.
Thank you for all your support.
High standards throughout; very rigid process and policies for security and safety.
The staff know my children very well and really care about all aspects of development not just academically.
You value our children as individuals, you teach them so they want to learn and you praise them to boost their confidence.
Amazing dedicated staff.
Children are taught to know their own worth and values. They know they are part of the Newcomen Family and have good citizenship.
Clear and consistent boundaries are set to ensure children understand what is expected of them.
Family Day is like an end-of-year party for the children after working so hard all year.
Thank you.

Excellent staff who have taken the time to understand my children's individual needs.
The school is brilliant at achieving high standards in all areas.
You make sure the children understand equality.
Exceptional learning standards.
Fabulous teachers who care.
You make children feel included, important and special.
Family Day encompasses all and is something we look forward to every year.
ParentMail is excellent.
You have supported my child to excel and she is very confident and loves her new school. Thank you for all your support.
I feel you always encourage the children and if they struggle, you find different ways to help them.
Family Day was outstanding. We are proud our son is part of this school.
I love the school and the staff. For me the staff make the school special as they go the extra mile to ensure our children feel valued, safe, accepted and special in their own way.
The staff put their all into giving the children the best possible start in life and I can't thank you enough.
ParentMail is a lifesaver – so much easier.
You have been a key part in my children's lives; all teachers are great and treat all the children like family. Thank you so much.
Your commitment to keeping the children happy and bringing enjoyment into learning.
Year group assemblies – amazing!
Family Day – INCREDIBLE!
This is the best environment for my children.
My child enjoys doing the creative homework projects that are set.
I just love how the school is so family orientated.
The teaching is excellent.
Such a family friendly welcoming environment – all work together to provide this.
You support SEN students to feel that they fit in.
Parent evenings are always very organised and lovely to hear about our children's progress. Crèche is very helpful and appreciated. Thank you.
Newcomen Family is an honour to be part of. The staff and Miss Pusztai are just fabulous. We are so lucky our child is a pupil at this AMAZING school.
Supporting and identifying children who may need additional learning practices. Not just 'leaving them to it' as other schools do.
Highest standard of teaching is always given.
All the hard work that goes into Family Day. You make everyone feel equal and accepted at Newcomen.
You try hard to accommodate us the best you can.
You help children understand other cultures and equality.

From the Head Teacher downwards, the staff are a real credit to the school and the values they instil are fantastic.

I like your open door policy.

Always a perfect Family Day without fail.

The teaching of children is phenomenal and my child has come on in leaps and bounds since coming to Newcomen.

There was a lovely community spirit to family Day.

You create a sense of belonging for our children and their families.

All children are valued.

The school is very organised and very well-disciplined. My daughter has come on in leaps and bounds and feels safe.

The teachers are wonderful human beings and my children adore them 😊

As always, we really appreciate Breakfast Club; it's such a wonderful option for working parents – we appreciate it and the lovely staff who run it, lots!

The staff go above and beyond to ensure each child is receiving help and assistance if/when needed.

You treat all children individually and makes us all feel very welcome.

This is my first year at this school and I cannot believe how well my children are now achieving. I can't thank you all enough.

Teaching staff are amazing.

Communication between school and parents via Parent Mail is great.

I think the school does a fantastic job of recognising achievement and makes the children want to learn and achieve.

Your commitment to keep the children happy and bring enjoyment to learning.

Everyone makes you feel very at ease and welcome.

The management of the school is very impressive and the principles the staff display are amazing. The morals and beliefs instilled in the children really are fantastic and will provide them with the foundation to move forward in their lives.

Absolutely over the moon with how my child is progressing and I love the values of what the school stands for. You really look after the children.'

What you think we could do to make our school even better:

'Grow your own vegetables opportunity for children.

I cannot think of anything to improve the school. I am proud to say my child comes to Newcomen.

Maybe more awareness of healthy packed lunches 😊

Everything is fantastic already.

Maybe photos for non-twitter users via Parent Mail?

Longer transition periods into next year's class.

More information for parents and carers about healthy school meals and healthy packed lunches

KS1 football training club.
 Leavers' hoodies in May – many thanks.
 Nothing springs to mind. We are always happy with Newcomen!
 There is nothing I would change about the school as my child is really happy.
 No changes required. Children feel happy and safe and are growing as individuals.
 More bingo nights! X
 Sometimes litter can be a problem around school
 Let the children dress up for special occasions.
 Bring uniform into school that children have grown out of to recycle for others.
 N/A
 Put a camera up on the main road and fine lazy parents who keep blocking the road and parking on double yellow lines.
 Don't change. The school is amazing as it is.
 We are very happy with everything as it is.
 After school clubs which last longer than ½ term.
 It would be really nice if we could have a CD made of the children singing on Family Day. We could purchase them and the children could choose a charity to donate the funds back to.
 Nothing. My child loves the school, the staff, breakfast club team and the dinner ladies.
 A statue of Leonardo.
 Please can we have more after school clubs for KS1?
 Continue to enhance PE provision maximising your great facilities.
 Nothing ☺
 Very little.
 Guitar lessons after school.
 During annual Sponsored Spell, two golden tickets to be awarded. One for the most money raised and one for the class which gets the most spellings correct.
 After school multi-sports on a Friday till 4.45pm again.
 I think you do a fantastic job and you yourselves are always working to improve.
 In my opinion nothing.
 Clarification of what/what not to wear on non-uniform days for special events.
 Thinking back over the year, I am unable to think of anything that can make Newcomen Primary School any better than it already is ☺
 Cookery class for KS2.
 Art/Craft after school club.
 You are just phenomenal and I really can't think of anything. Knowing my children will be happy and well-educated at Newcomen makes me very happy!
 Honestly, have nothing I would change.
 A musical performance by staff for next year's Family Day ☺ ☺!
 Nothing as everything is outstanding.
 More updates on EY Twitter.
 Just keep doing what you are doing!
 Nothing. The staff are amazing.
 Nothing!!
 N/A
 Nothing. Keep doing what you are doing as you have a school full of happy children.

Crèche available for class assemblies like you do for parents' evenings.
Recording Family Day and selling CDS. You would make a fortune for our amazing school!

Healthy snacks at break time?

We absolutely love our family events – maybe a quiz night or race night?

After sitting for ½ an hour with my child and discussing this, we cannot come up with anything that you don't already do!! Thank you.

An after school club for parents who work.

Keep doing what each and every individual is doing.

More transition from Early Years into KS1.

Maybe more after school clubs for little ones (4 year olds). Apart from that NOTHING. Just keep doing what you are doing.

Thank you again for your comments and your ideas; we really appreciate the time taken to complete our questionnaire. As has been evidenced over the last eight years in our genuine home school partnership, where possible, your suggestions to make our school even better will be taken on board. May I suggest that you keep this summary as a reference point and measure for the end of the academic year. I will, as always, keep you informed of all actions undertaken.

I cannot stress how appreciated your positive and thoughtful words really are to us and I thank you for your ongoing support and acknowledgement of all that we do here at Newcomen Primary School. We are here to give your children, our most precious asset, the very best possible start in their education journey.

Warmest wishes

Miss Pusztai, Staff and Governors of Newcomen Primary School

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